SOME WORTHY

PROVERBS

Left behind by

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To be read in the

CONGREGATION

OF THE

SAINTS.

Translated into Engliſh *by one that teſtifieth, That God is no reſpecter of perſons, for whoſoever worketh righteouſneß, and feareth him, of what Nation, Countrey, Tribe or Language ſoever he or ſhe be, ſuch find acceptance with the Lord.* W. C.

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Friends and Brethren;

GOD Almighty hath appeared in his unexpreſſible love to a choſen Generation, among whom he will have his glorious and everlaſting Name to dwell, for to make it the praiſe of the whole Earth: And this choſen Generation will he govern in Righteouſneſs, and his Scepter ſhall remain for ever and ever; For he the Lord is King, and his Spirit is the fulfilling of all things, and it is the Lot and Inheritance of the Choſen for ever.

Therefore then, Love Righteouſneſs, and deſpiſe Infidelity, for ſhe leads unto deſtruction, and her Root cannot remain ſtedfaſt.

Embrace Wiſdom, and let her dwell in your inner Chambers, that ſhe may preſerve you in the time of tribulation, yea, in the time of Oppreſſion, when the Anguiſh ſeems to take away the glorious ſplendor of the everlaſting Goſpel of peace.

Therefore put on Wiſdom in her appearance, for ſhe is the beginning of all things, and by her were laid the Foundations of the Earth, and after this hath my heart ſought from the days of my youth, and my ſoul hath found her to her ſatisfaction.

And through this (viz. Wiſdom) is the Lord pouring forth theſe Proverbs, to the end that the ignorant ſhould underſtand, and the ſimple obſerve Wiſdom.

Forget then the Houſe of your Father, that the Pilgrimage may be brought forth, by which you may be made Heirs of

the everlasting Kingdom, which God hath prepared for his chosen, where flesh and blood hath no Inheritance.

Treasure up Innocency, and let Simplicity be your Companion: Then will the Lord have respect unto you.

Exercise your minds in fear, that looseness may never seduce you: For the fear preserves, and where the fear of God is, there is the blessing.

Take heed unto the Lord, and hearken unto his Counsel, and obey his Instructions, for his ways lead unto life.

He then that loveth Life, abstains from the Evil, and he putteth off the Corruption, that he may be swallowed up of Life.

Take hold on Virtue, and let the same be your Teacher, that your dayes may be prolonged in the Land of the Living.

Righteousness and Folly meet each other: He then that discerns the one from the other, is wise.

Humility is born in the House of peace, and Equity is the Mother of it.

He that loveth Wisdom, forsakes the evil, and he takes hold on that which will remain: For the paths of Death are meerly folly.

Support them that are stumbling, and rear up them that are bowed down, and remember that you have had need of the hand of Love: then will the Lord do good unto you.

Faith and Confidence shall possess the Land, and Love shall be the Rule or Bond of Concord, and the Bride shall dwell in the inner Chambers.

They that support that which is broken, shall receive blessing: and an upright mind shall the Lord enrich.

Maintain not looseness, nor satisfie that mind which invents vanity; for the Lord hates them both.

He that holds sottish company, gathers anger; and he hath no reward.

He that loves Wisdom, gathers Riches: And he that loves Instructions, he is wise.

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The foolish come to fall, and they that uphold them, partake with them of their portion: therefore let them perish in their birth, for the Lord hath prepared no place of peace for them: their reward shall perish with them, and their expectations shall be vain.

Accompany them that fear the Lord, and know that the Lord hath chosen such.

Pour out your heart unto the needful, then will the Lord multiply your treasure: for the reward of the well-doers is returned into their bosome.

Praise is the white upon which the eye looketh, and it is the sweetning of the Labour: Even so is the Lord unto all his children.

Reward the good through obedience, and the well-doing through mercy: then will the Lord be gracious unto you.

Support the weak in the time of need, that he through want of help do not come to perish: For now will the Lord require the sheep from the hand of the Keeper.

Wait upon the Lord, and trust in him in the time of tribulation, for he is long-suffering, and he hath no pleasure in that mind that is unstable.

The serious are wise, and the long-suffering judge of things that come to pass.

He that loveth judgement, despiseth the reward, and doth not respect any mans person, for that is abomination to the Lord.

He that casteth his care upon the Lord, he is holpen in due time.

Open thy heart unto the Lord, and receive his tender speeches in the time of youth, when instructions are given unto the good; for the Lord he accompanieth the Infant, and he calls the Lamb while it is yet at his Mothers breast.

Therfore you children, put not the time of old age afar off, but know that the Lord loveth the tender, and that he hath a delight or pleasure in the young branches, which may be bowed to his obedience.

Further the Work of the Lord in one another, and obstruct it not in any.

When any ones heart is drawn to the Lord, let him be obedient to the Lord that draws him, that he may inſtruct him through his Light, and then ſhall his Church be proſperous, whoſe building is like unto the precious ſtones which are made ready for the builders, and for the perfecting of which the Corner-ſtone is preſerved, that all through him might be made perfect; for he is the Author and the Finiſher of all his works, and through him are all things made manifeſt that have been hid from the foundation of the World to the end of the ſame. For the Lord hath laid by him the foundations of the earth, and the Heavens hath he prepared through him, even him who is the Counſel & Providence of God, the firſt-born of every creature; and therefore is he made of the Father, Wiſdom, Strength and Glory, that all through him might be perfected: Here is the Wiſdom: He that hath an underſtanding, let him underſtand, that he may render all unto the Lord that belongs to him, viz. Praiſe, Honor and Glory from everlaſting to everlaſting.

Watch then all, and pray, and reward no man according to your opinion, but rather ſubmit your ſelves unto the Lord, that he may give you wiſdom in all things, & his Counſel will remain unalterable.

Open your hearts unto the oppreſſed, and give unto him of your inheritance, that he may be partaker of your mercy; then will the Lord be magnified in his houſe.

Praiſe is given to the victorious, and his glory to his choſen.

Judgement is in the hand of them that fear the Lord, and it is not broken, but the wicked oppreſs it.

He that loveth Judgement, is wiſe: and he that embraceth Righteouſneſs, ſhall be glorified.

The Proverbs of the wiſe are Counſels, and their ſecrets are for the Prudent.

Love that which is hid, to the end that you may be led into the inner Chambers.

The Bride is the Ornament of the Bridegroom, & the Gueſts they are refreſhed in her: Her Mother rejoyceth in her, and her Companions crown her: Her Adornment is pure Holineſs, and her Virtues are exceeding.

O unexpreſſible Glory! Who ſhall declare the length of thy days

days? Who shall declare thy benefits? Thou fillest the hearts of thy Children, and thou giveſt the glory to thy choſen: thou makeſt them to dwell in pleaſure, and ſatisfaction is their portion: their inheritance is everlaſting, and their joy without ceaſing.

Humble your ſelves then before the Lord, and ſlight not his viſitation: For I have alſo participated of mourning, and the days of tribulation have been many, that the Lord might be glorified.

He that loveth Wiſdom, learns the fear of the Lord; and he that follows after it, obtains it.

Love the Truth, and ſhe will be the way of Life to thee.

Open thy heart to the Lord, and he will inſtruct thee.

Hide not thy Counſel from the Lord, leſt he deſtroy thee, for his eye ſeeth in ſecret, and he knoweth the conſultation of the heart.

A Child that loveth the Lord, receiveth mercy, and he is never forgotten.

The Crown of the Parents is the ornament of Children, even ſo is the Lord concerning his choſen.

The ways of the Lord are meerly righteouſneſs, and his paths are truth: He hides the ſame from the double-minded, for his inheritance is for his choſen.

Love the Lord, and then ſhall his treaſure be communicated unto you.

Receive his chaſtiſement, then ſhall you become wiſe: For Chaſtiſement produceth circumſpection, and ſhe makes wiſe.

Open your ear before the Lord, then will he hear thee in the time of diſtreſs: And they that he anſwers, are holpen in the time of need: For the Lord is neer unto the upright, and his Love ſupports ſuch: He opens his treaſure unto them, and they are ſatisfied therewith.

He that maintains want, and is not ſatisfied, he is like the fooliſh that treaſures up vanity: therefore ſhall his hope periſh.

Maintain not corruption in any man, nor reſpect him not becauſe of his perſon, for conſider what ſaves him: For all fleſh is as graſs, and the glory thereof as the flower of the ſame.

Corruption is born in the houſe of the fooliſh, but the Lord he dwells not there.

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The joy of the heart refreſheth the ſorrowful, and the joy of the Lord continues for ever and ever.

The Proverbs of the Lord are as honey in the mouth of the upright, his Word is as Oyle to the wounded, and his Image is amiable: He makes joyful without trouble, and he heals the miſerable.

He that loves wiſdom, forſaketh vanity, for underſtanding is born in ſeriouſneſs.

Hide not the counſel of deſtroyers, neither let the ſame lodg with you, that you be not through her deſtroyed.

Righteouſneſs and Judgement are in the Houſe of the Almighty: and he that dwells there, bears the Banner of the ſame: his Line is Judgement, and his Plummet is certain: he that loveth the ſame, becometh wiſe.

Patience is an adorning Garment, whoſoever wears the ſame is made glorious.

Follow not the deceit of thy heart, neither be thou cloathed therewith, for it is an abomination to the Lord.

Treaſure up no vanity, for who will ſave thee? Is not vanity for judgement? and careleſneſs for to be conſumed? Where are they that have ſtood ſtedfaſt in their vanity, and that have not been broken and ſcattered? all they that deal unfaithfully, their hope comes to periſh, and they are no more remembred.

Forſake vanity, and lay hold on underſtanding, then ſhalt thou become excellent in glory: for the Lord hath poured forth of his Spirit to the glorifying of his people: therefore ſerve the Lord, and be not weary in ſo doing.

Love Wiſdom, and ſhe will preſerve thee.

In the mind of the upright wiſdom is found.

Forget not the Lord in the abundance of the heart, but conſider how that it is given thee.

And who is he that hath received any thing? or to whom is any thing given? Is not the Lord the chief Inſtrument thereof? And is not the opening of his hand the ſatisfaction of all things?

Wait upon the Lord, and put thy confidence in him, then ſhall he make thee rich, and thou ſhalt continue ſtedfaſt unto the end.

He that is impatient, is as an early ſprig that periſheth before the time of Harveſt be come.

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The Reaper gathers the good, and the Lilly is preſerved: but the tare, or that that is withered, is to be burned: Therefore wait upon the Lord in all your purpoſes, then ſhall you be happy in all your ways.

Wiſdom is the underſtanding, and Love is the original: theſe now are the government of all good, and they dwell in the heart of the ſerious: they that love them, become their companion: they preſerve the heart from vanities, and they are the Mother of all ſerioufneſs.

Be wiſe ye fooliſh, and learn wiſdom, look unto the Lord ye ſlow of heart: How long ſhall the Lord wait for you? how long ſhall his Light manifeſt the darkneſs? and how long ſhall his Spirit ſtrive in your hearts? Awake, and go meet the Bridegroom, he knocks at the inner chamber, hearken unto him, and let him break your peace, for what have you gathered? What have you laid up in ſtore for the time of need?

Conſider *Job*, was it not his uprightneſs that ſupported him? And was it not his ſimplicity that juſtified him in his humility?

What then will be thine that will preſerve thee? Cometh not the Almighty to judge? and cometh he not to do Juſtice in the earth, that all offences might be taken out of his Kingdom.

What then (ſay I) will ſupport thee, thou that haſt not gathered that that is good? Will not the Flame conſume thee then as the ſtubble? And wilt thou not be conſumed at the chaff before the wind, whoſe place can be no more found? For the Lord is working a work in this his day, which ſhall remain to his own glory: Is not the work for the Maſter, and the labour for him that will give the reward?

Therefore then let all be awakened, for the Lord he calls all, and his voice ſhall go from one end of the Heavens unto the other, and his choſen ſhall be gathered from the four winds of the earth, that all may know the one Shepherd, and the one Flock, and his Banner or token, which is Love, ſhall be the Tent and place of Refuge for all, which God hath prepared for a habitation for ever.

O ye tender Plants, who are ſucking the Milk of your Mother, and you who delight your ſelves in the brightneſs of your Fa-

ther, my heart travels often for you to the Lord, and my ſpirit is often interceding for the mitigating of your travel: For the love of my God ſhall never be forgotten by me, and therefore ſaith my heart and my ſoul often to the Lord, *Turn Lord, turn to the helpleſs, yea, to the tender and weak, that they all may be experienced w'th thy goodneſs, and that thy Name (who art in Heaven) may be glorified.*

Hearken then unto the Inſtructions of thy Father, and forſake not the Command of thy Mother, that thou mayeſt be freed from the ſore ſervitude: Therefore labour according to thy ability, and dwell with the Father, that he may give thee an inheritance.

Glorifie the Lord through obedience, and anſwer his Love through ſubjection, for obedience & ſubjection pacifieth wrath.

Offer thankſgiving from a pure heart, and pay the Moſt High with purity: For what are words with the Lord? And what is lip-ſervice with him who ſees through the heart?

Prove your ſelves before the Lord, and appear not before him with a double mind: Fear the Lord, and tremble at his counſel, then will he have mercy upon you.

Search your mind in uprightneſs, and let not judgement weary you, that you may become wiſe: And caſt not the Law behind your backs, neither glory you in that which you have not wrought, for it is of the Lord.

Care is in the heart of the fearful, but the Lord gives a chearful mind to the upright.

He that is wiſe, is acceptable, and he is refreſhment to all that know him: The Lord is his Portion, and the *H*igheſt is his Inheritance.

He that dwells in the houſe of the upright, becomes wiſe.

The Counſels of the Lord are in the heart of the upright, and the myſteries thereof are revealed to them that fear the Lord.

He that is wiſe, keepeth his foot, for the Lord is his portion.

The ſtumblings are in the heart of the weak, but the Lord ſees the ſame.

He that is of a broken heart, ſhall obtain mercy.

Treaſure up Righteouſneſs, and embrace the Truth, then

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ſhall you live, for preſervation is in the ſame.

When you have ſinned, hide not your infirmities, but ſeek the face of the Lord. Be ſtill in the time of your viſitation, that you may become rich.

He that diſtributeth while that he is defective, he becomes poor: therefore treaſure up in the bleſſing that you may have abundance.

Diſtribute to the needful, you whom the Lord hath bleſſed, and ſtretch forth your hand to them that are in diſtreſs.

Strengthen the weak, and he will praiſe you.

Peace is laid up in the houſe of him that doth well, but deſolation comes upon the unmerciful.

One thing I have ſeen, and therein did my heart rejoice, *viz.* that the righteous ſhall always dwell in peace, and that they ſhall remain for ever in the Tabernacle of God.

The Tabernacle of the Lord is like to Mount *Zion*, and the Moſt *High* dwells there: Rejoice you choſen of the Lord, and be exceeding glad ye that are of his Family: Rejoice ye children who are come to the Immortality, the Lord is your portion for ever, your Tent ſhall never wax old, for the builder thereof is Immortal.

Oh that the hearts of thoſe that know this, might be alwayes taken up with the glory of the ſame, to the end that the glory of the Creator might be more and more manifeſted among them that are yet in the earth.

For who are they that ſhall glorifie the Lord? And who are they that ſhall magnifie his praiſe? Are they not ſuch s are made alive, that are riſen again with Chriſt, whoſe life is not dear unto them, whoſe Crowns are laid down before the Lamb, and him that ſits upon the Throne: Glory and praiſe beto our God for ever and ever.

This (dear Friends) hath flowed forth to you all, as out of a rich Treaſure which the Lord hath opened to the ſatisfying of my ſoul: And for a token of my love to you, hath the Lord opened my heart, and powred forth theſe wholſome exhortations, and in the humility of my heart before the Lord, have I communicated

communicated them unto you all, to the end that my fellowship which I have with you in the Light, might be so much the more manifested, and the Love which I have to all the Saints.

Now the God of Peace who hath brought again the great Shepherd of the sheep, make you all fit for his own glory, to do his will in all things, to whom be glory, honor and praise for ever and ever.

Bear one another in love, together with my self, and let this my Paper be unto you as a true Salutation of my dear and unfeigned Love, the which I leave behind me for you all, not knowing whether I shall see your faces again or no. My Love remain with you, and among you all that are faithful, and in that which is infinite and everlasting, and will remain for ever, I hope ever to be found.

Colchester the 2. of the 6. month, 166:. Your Friend and Sister, *Judith Zins-Penninck.*

This is to be sent among the chosen Generation in England; *but especially in* Essex, London, *and about* Kingstone.

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